GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HOME AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA

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PATRIOTIC FEELING AMONG CITIZENS
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Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government intends to ingrain the patriotic feeling among the people of the country to counter cross Border Terrorism through All India Radio and Doordarshan;

(b) if so, the action taken in this regard;

(c) whether the government has any plan to involve the people residing on the borders of Pakistan, Bangladesh and Bhutan by patronizing their local aspirations; and

(d) if not, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI SRIPRAKASH JAISWAL)

(a) & (b): The Prasar Bharati is telecasting a number of programmes on national integration and communal harmony to promote a general feeling of unity and patriotism. Specific programmes are also being telecast on Kashmir Channel/North East Channel and DD-I National Channel and All India Radio stations to counter cross border terrorism.

(c): The Prasar Bharati is telecasting programmes patronizing the local aspirations and cultural heritage of those people especially in Gojri, Dogri, Balti, Sheena, Pusto etc. in J &K and regional languages/dialects of North Eastern States.

Moreover, the Government is implementing the Border Area Development Programme (BADP) as a part of comprehensive approach to Border Management with focus on socio-economic development of border areas and to promote sense of security among the people living there. 345 blocks of 94 districts of 17 States along the entire land border with Pakistan, China, Nepal, Bhutan, Myanmar and Bangladesh are covered under BADP.

(d): Does not arise.